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SUBJECT: AQ KHAN TRIAL - LOCAL MEDIA CONTEST IN CAMERA
APPLICATION

REF: A. PRETORIA 1156

[1](#)B. PRETORIA 0757

Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Don Teitelbaum. Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) As predicted Ref A, on 20 April South African weekly the Mail & Guardian filed a notice of intent to oppose the National Prosecution Authority's 16 February request that the trial of alleged A.Q. Khan proliferators Gerhard Wisser and Daniel Geiges be conducted in camera. Joining the Mail & Guardian as intervening parties are the Freedom of Expression Institute, the South African National Editors' Forum, and the South African Chapter of the Media Institute of Southern Africa. The Pretoria High Court will hear arguments from both sides on 02-04 May. Mission will observe the hearings and report on further developments.

[1](#)2. (U) Minimize considered.

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